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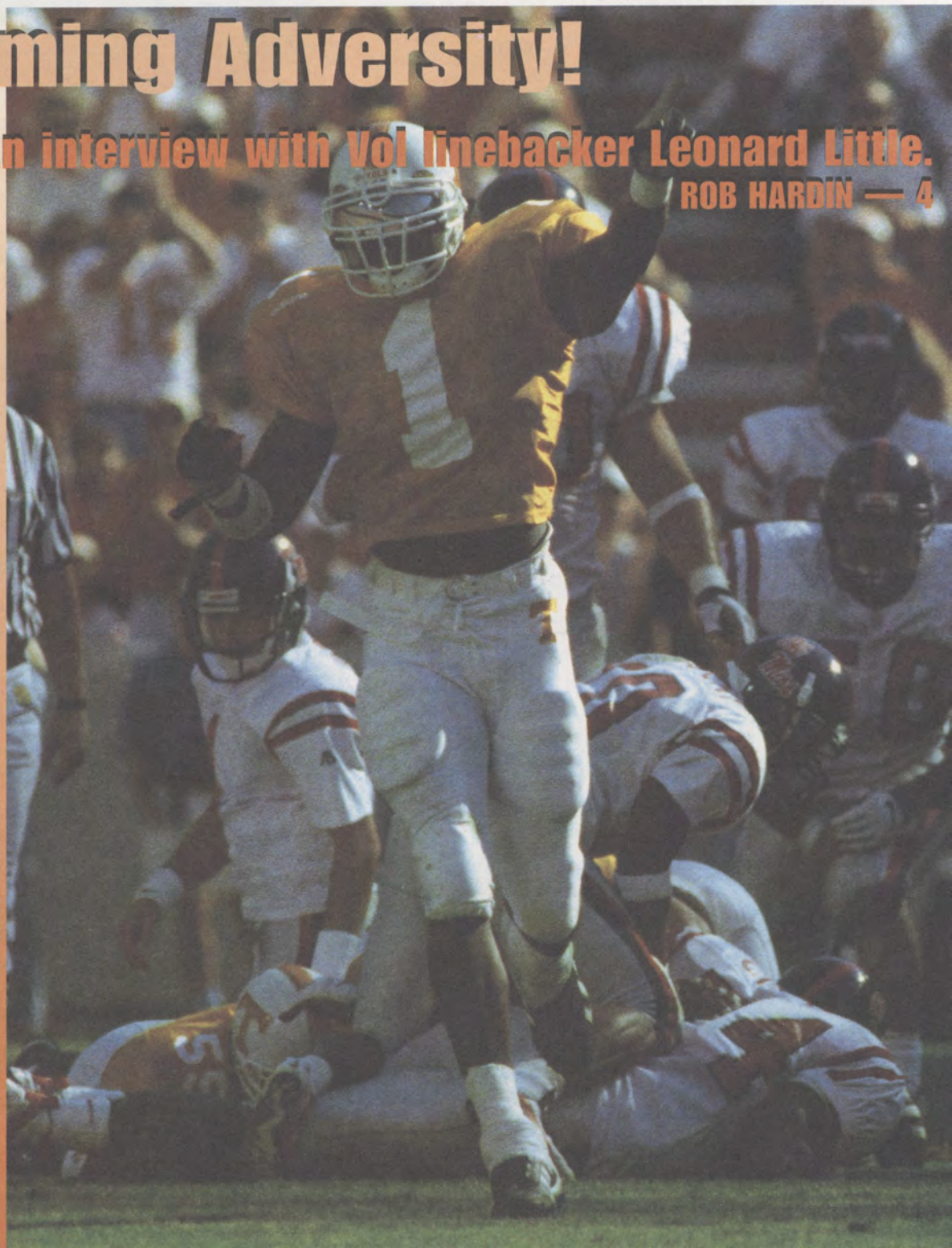

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From the Editor

Just like I predicted 30 years ago...

Bob Johnson walked to the middle of the field at Neyland Stadium on Saturday afternoon, surveyed the crowd around him and counted the minutes before kickoff.

Just like I predicted. Except for one significant detail.

In the scenario I mapped out back in 1967, Bob Johnson was going to be at Neyland Stadium as the Tennessee head coach, having recently succeeded Doug Dickey at the helm of the Volunteers.

This is the way I foresaw it: Dickey would have been hanging up his Tennessee coaching togs about this time after a career that placed him in the rarefied company of such immortals as Bob Neyland and Bear Bryant.

To a young publicity director at that time, it seemed inevitable: Following Dickey in the line of succession would be Johnson, the captain and consensus All-America center of the 1967 Vols. Bob and his brothers -- Bill, Tom and Paul -- were all closely identified with UT football, and it seemed logical that Bob would wind up at Tennessee if he chose a coaching career.

Like so many of my predictions, this one fell flat. But only because of a couple of things I hadn't counted on. For one thing, Dickey left Tennessee after the 1969 season, a couple of decades short of what I had expected would be his tenure on this campus.

As for Johnson, he never experienced the glories and pitfalls of coaching, spared that fate by edict of his good wife, Jane. Here's how the former Jane Daugherty fits into this story: In Bob's 12 years as center for the Cincinnati Bengals, Jane had observed firsthand the nomadic and mercurial lifestyle of coaches -- the ups and downs, the peaks and valleys, and the frequent changes of address that come with the territory.

When Johnson was offered the job as Bengals offensive line coach near the end of his playing career, Jane expressed herself clearly. "She told me I could be line coach for the Bengals, or I could be married to her, but I wasn't going to be both," Bob recalled with a smile. Johnson took the hint. "That was when I decided not to go into coaching," he recently confided.

Football's loss was the tape industry's gain. Instead of embarking on a coaching career, Johnson plunged headlong into the challenge of the business world. He worked his way up to the presidency of Imperial Adhesives, a 250-employee Cincinnati-based company that grosses $50 million annually.

Actually, things have worked out well all the way around, despite the collapse of my scenario. Johnson heads a major corporation and is involved heavily in Cincinnati area community projects. Dickey is still enjoying a productive life as director of UT's nationally-respected athletics program. And Tennessee's football fortunes are faring superbly under the leadership of Phillip Fulmer, who is at the top of the NCAA won-lost standings in little more than half a decade as head coach.

Johnson's appearance on the field Saturday stemmed from his selection as an all-time academic All-America, an honor based upon Bob's achievements as a student combined with his accomplishments since graduation.

Today, at least in the sports world, Johnson is most readily remembered as an offensive lineman around whom a professional sports franchise was built. When coaching legend Paul Brown organized the Cincinnati Bengals, who do you think was his number one draft selection? A quarterback? Maybe a running back? Wrong on both counts. Brown's first pick was a center, Bob Johnson. The coach's son, Mike, explained:

"My dad wanted to start the franchise with a type player who had the qualities he admired in a football player. He wanted somebody with character and high intelligence. He wanted somebody who was not just a good player, but somebody who would be a good addition to the community during his career and later. Bob exemplified those qualities and fully satisfied what we were after."

Doug Dickey echoed Brown's thoughts. In Russ Bebb's book, "Vols," Dickey gave his impression of Johnson:

"If you went to the blackboard and drew up a football player, you might come up with Bob Johnson. Physically, he was able to play his position in as commanding way as anybody you might imagine. Secondly, he was a guy who assumed the leadership role with as much dignity and as much respect as you could ever ask from any athlete. Thirdly, he was a quality student, so highly respected by everybody on campus. His lifestyle, his academics, his leadership in the athletic program and the way he played his position just made him an ideal football player."

Bob Johnson, one prince of a man. Welcome back to campus, Bob.

—Haywood Harris

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A Look At The Vols...
OVERCOMING ADVERSITY!

It has been a long, hard journey for Leonard Little to make to this point in his football career.

The native of Asheville, N.C., has overcame the adversity of being ruled academically ineligible his freshman year to a season-ending knee injury the seventh game of his junior season. But that adversity did not discourage him, as he now stands as a University of Tennessee graduate and one of the top defensive players in the country.

"I had to go through a lot of adversity to get to be a senior," he said. "I had to go through junior college first, and then I got hurt.

"You have to be mentally strong to go through that. Going through that adversity has made me mentally stronger, and it will only help me."

Little's arrival on the campus in 1993 was much anticipated as he came out of Asheville High School on several All-America teams and as a two-time All-State performer. But less than two weeks after his arrival he was ruled academically ineligible, so he went to Coffeyville Junior College in Kansas to get his academics in order.

He endured a redshirt season during his first year there and his second year he registered 88 tackles in seven games and was honorable mention All-America. Then it was back to Knoxville where his goal of playing for Tennessee would be reached. Little's experience in junior college was beneficial.

"It was a learning experience for me," Little said. "I got wiser and smarter and became more of man while I was there. I came back a better player because I was stronger and faster."

Once Little became academically eligible, he showed what he could do in the classroom.. He graduated this summer with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and is now attending graduate school at UT. Little got his priorities in order and focused in on what he knew he needed to accomplish academically.

"There comes a point in everybody's life in college that it is time to quit partying and start studying," Little said. "I got to that point and got my class work finished and graduated. I wanted to graduate before I left college, and I have come a long way to get my degree. I wanted to make my mom proud and satisfy myself. It feels great to do that."

Little is joined by Vol quarterback Peyton Manning and strong safety Tori Noel as players who have completed their degree requirements and are finishing their football eligibility this season.

"It shows people school is important, and it speaks volumes about how you have to be a well-rounded person," former Vol Brad Lampley, also a Tennessee graduate, said. "I think the university is excited, because a lot of the best athletes have the 'student' in the 'student-athlete.'"

There is no doubt about Little's status as an athlete. He has had big play after big play since he donned the Orange and White of Tennessee.

After Tennessee's win over Alabama, the Vols third in as many tries since he arrived on campus, Little had 42 tackles on the season and 13 big plays. For his career as a Vol, he as totaled 22.5 sacks which ties him for second all-time at Tennessee with Todd Kelly and puts him behind Reggie White.

Little's impact was immediate his sophomore season, as he totaled

Leonard Little always seems to be in the middle of every play.

11 sacks and 14 tackles for a loss that year. Perhaps two of Little's biggest plays came in the Florida Citrus Bowl win over Ohio State.

A Jeff Hall field goal had given the Vols a 17-14 lead midway through the fourth quarter. On the ensuing possession, the Buckeyes were driving and had the ball near midfield. Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George took a handoff, but Little was able to come around from the backside and stripped the ball from his grasp. Scott Galyon recovered the fumble and the drive was thwarted.

After a Vol punt, the Buckeyes had driven the ball near midfield again. The Buckeyes were facing a fourth-and-one and decided to run an option play to try to pick up the yardage for the first. But as the quarterback ran down the line of scrimmage, Little was there with the pressure and forced a bad pitch resulting in another fumble. This one was recovered by Noel, and the Buckeyes were stopped once again.

Little also came up big in the Vols' 41-14 win over Alabama in 1995. He caused two fumbles, recorded two tackles for a loss and was an integral part of the Vol defense that held the Crimson Tide to only 75 rushing yards.

With a successful sophomore season behind, Little was ready for his junior year. Through the first six games, he was having an All-SEC type year, recording 5.5 sacks and constantly putting pressure on the quarterback. Up next for the Vols was South Carolina, where Little may have had the best and worst game of his junior season. He recorded three quarterback sacks, but he also injured his right knee. The injury would require surgery and Little's junior season was over.

Little was disappointed, but not discouraged, and set out to rehabilitate his knee and prepare for his senior season. Despite the limited playing time in 1996, Little still garnered All-SEC honors.

"I am going to have to come back because there's so many people around here who support me and want me to come back," Little said in the weeks following the injury. "That's going to give me the incentive to work harder."

It was tough for Little to watch his teammates from the sidelines, but he was glad the Vols were doing well.

"It was hard, because you want to be in there playing and be a part of the success," he said. "I would have felt worse if we were struggling and I knew it was because I was not there to help."

The endless hours of rehabilitation paid off and Little was ready to step back on the field this fall, but only this time he was going to be the Vols' middle linebacker instead of a defensive end. Once again, he had to make adjustments to his game and overcome some adversity. He spends most of his time at middle linebacker, but he still lines up at his familiar defensive end spot on occasion.

"It was tough to move Leonard because he had made so many plays at defensive end," Vol coach Philip Fulmer said. "Leonard had played linebacker, so to me it was a natural thing to do. We have more depth at defensive end than we did at linebacker. He comes from a lot of different places and is still a pass rusher for us."

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— LEONARD LITTLE

Little is the middle linebacker for the Vols, but his presence is felt throughout the field. With injury and position change behind him, Little was ready to play football. He was a difference maker in the Vols' 30-24 win over UCLA.

Early in the first quarter, he sacked the Bruin quarterback for a safety to give to score the first points of the game for the Vols. Later in the quarter, Little blitzed the Bruin quarterback from his middle linebacker position and forced an errant pass that Cory Gaines intercepted and returned for a touchdown.

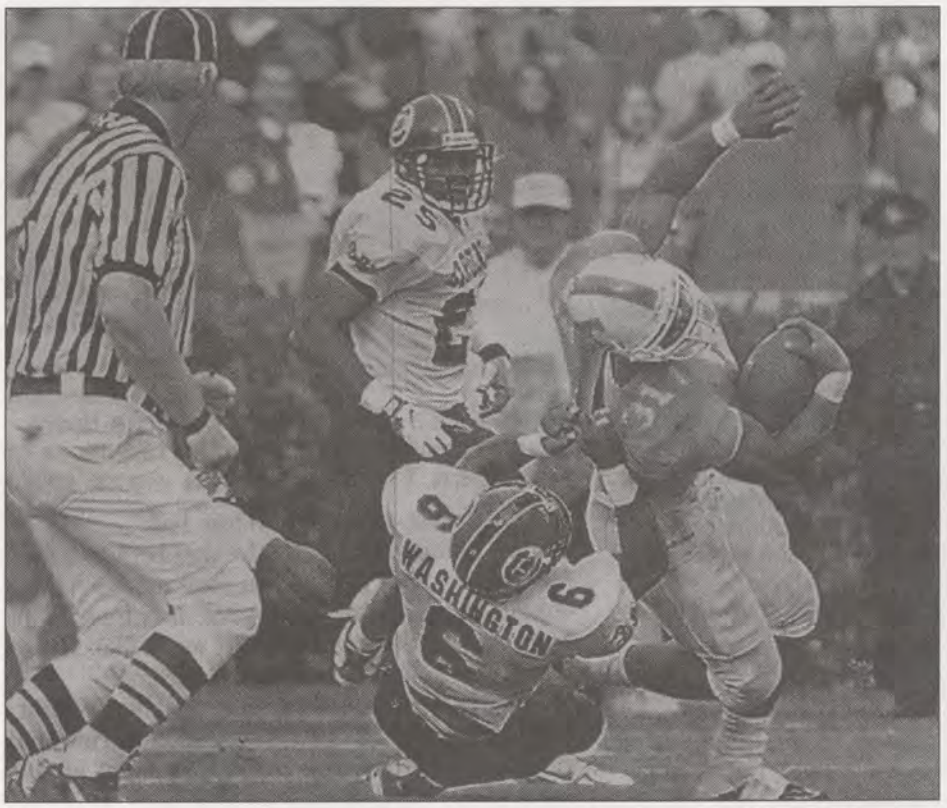
"It was a present," Gaines said after the game. "We had the blitz on and Leonard had the quarterback, and I thought he was going to go down. He threw it up, I was there to grab it and I was able to take it the other for the score."

The Vols had built a 27-6 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but the Bruins rallied to pull to within final 30-24 tally with just over two minutes left in the game. Bruin tailback Skip Hicks then broke the Vol line and was charging toward the Vol goal, but Little tackled him from behind, stripped the ball from him, and Fred White was there to recover the ball to thwart the Bruin rally.

Little has been making big plays for the Vols no matter where he is on the field. Vol opponents must look out for No. 1 and Vol fans are glad to see him wherever he lines up.

—Rob Hardin

Defense, Defense! Vols Get After South Carolina!



Freshman tailback Jamal Lewis became the fourth back in UT history to have two 200-yard games in a season with his 24 carries for 205 yards and two scores. Game photos courtesy of Knoxville News-Sentinel.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

Knoxville, Tenn., Shields-Watkins Field, Nov. 1, 1997--When it rains, as it did at least part of Saturday afternoon at Neyland Stadium, you tend to turn things over to your defense and to your running game to make the ending a happy one. That's exactly what happened in a 22-7 Tennessee victory over South Carolina before 106,301 at the Vols' home by the river.

On a day when the passing game was not clicking on all cylinders, the running game, in particular freshman Jamal Lewis, was running like a finely-tuned engine, as was the Vol defense. The Vols racked up 239 yards rushing, with Lewis accounting for 205 on his own on 24 carries, including a 65-yarder in the fourth quarter that wrapped things up in a neat little package, complete with an Orange and White ribbon. The Vols are now 4-1 in the SEC and 6-1 overall. With Georgia's 37-17 win over Florida this evening, the 1997 Vol season takes on a whole new complexion. The Vols now lead the East, a game ahead of Florida and ahead of Georgia on the basis of the tiebreaker.

Vol defenders, for their part, did the job, with eight sacks for minus 68 yards and two tackles for loss for minus 5. Leonard Little, injured against the Gamecocks last season, had seven tackles including two sacks. His buddy on the opposite side, Jonathan Brown, has five tackles and three sacks (-26). Overall, the Vols held South Carolina to 40 yards on 43 carries and 168 yards overall.

Little moved to second on Vol stat chart with 24.5 sacks for his now 25-game Vol career. Reggie White (1980-83), the famed "Minister of Defense, leads the Vols with 32, but has to feel Little's hot breath down the back of his neck. Brown's three sacks give him a team-leading eight for the season. It's the third time this season No. 91 has had at least two sacks this season, a feat previously accomplished against UCLA and Georgia. He's tied for fifth with Steve White (1992-95) with 19.5. Both Little and Brown are seniors who have made their way into pretty exclusive company.

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> ***--Defensive End Jonathan Brown***

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Lewis once again showed he is a forced to be reckoned with in the Southeastern Conference. Coupled with his 232 yards against Georgia, he became the fourth Vol to rush for over 200 yards in a game twice in a season. He joins such Vol luminaries as Chuck Webb (1989), Tony Thompson (1990) and Johnnie Jones (1983) to accomplish this feat.

"We came out at the half, and things

opened up for the running game," Lewis said. "I ran the ball pretty good. The line has been working hard in practice, and it opened the holes. I took it out wide and everything opened up. After I got free, I just had to run. We have been working on the sweep in practice, and it worked well today. We just need to keep working hard."

Tennessee's first play was a screen left to Jeremaine Copeland that went nowhere, but, a series later, the play looked basically the same, except that it was a lateral and Copeland did his best quarterback impersonation with a 43-yard toss to Peerless Price, who for the day had three catches for 69 yards. Price had a 13-yard grab and Jeremaine caught a 10-yarder before Lewis went up the middle for eight and nearly scored. Lewis went over the top for a score on the next play.

After a punt, the Vols moved to a field goal, a Jeff Hall 36-yarder, on a 10-play 39-yard drive. A key play in the favorable field position was a sack by Brown that took away 10 yards. Peyton Manning had a 14-yard completion to Cedric Wilson after an 11-yard draw by Lewis. It was 9-0 at the half, but there were worried looks all across Neyland Stadium.

The worried looks were gone by the first play of the fourth quarter.

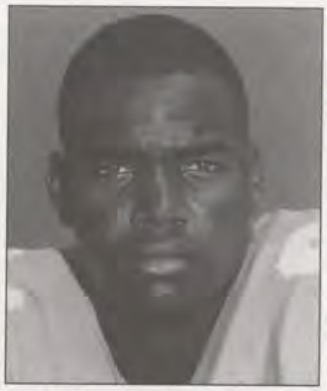
"They were concentrating on stopping the passing game, so the running game opened up for us," Manning said. "They played a lot of coverage and double-teamed Marcus practically the entire game. So the running game was open, and Jamal made them pay."

In the third quarter, the Vols moved to a field goal and 12-0 lead on their first possession, as Lewis carried for 15, three and 38 yards, all the way to the USC nine. A penalty hurt the drive and Hall knocked home a field goal from 34 yards out.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Lewis hit left end and found the high-speed lane to the North end for a 65-yard run, the longest of his still-young, but impressive, Vol career. Mark Levine had a career-long 47-yard run on the Vols' final drive that led to a Hall fielder that also came from 47 yards out. That made it 22-0 and school was out.

GAME NOTES: Tennessee has a 9-0 record against South Carolina in Knoxville... This was Tennessee's 32nd consecutive SEC win in November... Jeff Hall's 47-yard field goal was a season-long boot... With 225 career points, Hall is now within 12 points from passing Stanley Morgan (236, 1973-76) and 16 from passing James (Little Man) Stewart (240, 1991-94)... The Vols are now 10-2 after open dates under Coach Phillip Fulmer... The Vols have had over 400 yards total offense in five of seven games this season.

WEEKEND NOTES: In Men's Action - The Vol cross country team competed in the 1997 SEC Cross Country Championships in Columbia, S.C., this afternoon, with a fifth-place finish and 124 points among the 10 conference teams. Pacing the Vols was junior Doug Ellington. He ran to a 10-place finish in 24:29 and ran his best 8k race of the season topping his 25:15 mark in the pre-District Birmingham Cross Country Classic in late October. Conference champion Arkansas' (19 points) Ryan Wilson took SEC individual championship honors with a course time of 23:46. The men's team returns to action on Nov. 15 in the District IX Championships in Birmingham... Vol tennis players Mark Way and Juan Gamboa advanced to the flight "A" and flight "B" finals respectively at the Continental Airlines Cup in Houston, Tex. Joining Way and Gamboa in action on Sunday was Roger Illias who was playing in the flight "B" consolation bracket finals. **In Women's Action** - The Lady Vols were in action in five sports over the weekend. The soccer team picked up a 2-0 win over Texas to improve to 10-8 on the season. The Lady Vol harriers finished sixth in the SEC cross country championships. The tennis team was in action at the ITA/Rolex Regional Championships at Chapel Hill, N.C., with six players picking up first round wins and two doubles teams winning in the first round. The volleyball team lost 3-1 to Georgia to fall to 4-6 (SEC) and 11-15 overall... The rowing team won three championships at the Head of the Chattahoochee Regatta near Chattanooga. The Lady Vols won the collegiate 8+, 4+ and Novice 4... The 11th-ranked Lady Vol golf team lost 3-2 to Arizona in the Rolex Intercollegiate Match-Play Team Championships in Miami, Fla. They were scheduled to face Oregon in the consolation bracket on Sunday.



Kicker Jeff Hall (left) connected on all three field goal attempts, while defensive end Jonathan Brown (right) collected three sacks to move into fifth-place on UT's all-time sack list tying him with former Vol Steve White with 19.5.

Tennessee Statistics vs. South Carolina

Team Statistics	UT	SC
First Downs	16	13
Rushing	8	5
Passing	7	6
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	36	43
Yards Gained	276	117
Yards Lost	37	77
Net Yards Rushing	239	40
Net Yards Passing	169	128
Passes Attempted	26	20
Passes Completed	9	10
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	62	63
Total Net Yards	408	168
Average Gain	6.6	2.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties No-Yards	7-63	3-25
Punts-Average	5-39.4	11-40.7
Punt Returns-Yards	2-4	2-16
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	5-103
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	1-5
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	27:45	32:15
Third Down Conversions	2-12	3-16
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	1-1
Sacks By-Yards	8-68	2-23

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TENNESSEE	9	0	3	10	-- 22

1-UT: Lewis, run 1. Kick failed.
Drive: 79 yards, 6 plays, 2:38 possession, 8:02 on clock.
1-UT: Hall, FG 36.
Drive: 39 yards, 10 plays, 4:47 possession, :46 on clock.
3-UT: Hall, FG 34.
Drive: 48 yards, 7 plays, 3:23 possession, 9:51 on clock.
4-UT: Lewis, run 65. Hall kick.
Drive: 69 yards, 2 plays, :31 possession, 14:48 on clock.
4-UT: Hall, FG 47.
Drive: 50 yards, 6 plays, 2:11 possession, 4:34 on clock.
4-SC: Kelly, pass from Penn 23. Florio kick.
Drive: 86 yards, 10 plays, 3:58 possession, :36 on clock.

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	24	208	3	205	2	65
Levine	2	48	0	48	0	47
Bryson	2	9	0	9	0	9
T. Martin	1	8	0	8	0	8
Edmonds	1	2	0	2	0	2
Stephens	1	0	3	-3	0	-3
Manning	5	1	31	-30	0	1

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Manning	8	25	1	126	0	46
Copeland	1	1	0	43	0	43

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Price	3	69	0	43
Copeland	3	56	0	46
Bryson	1	24	0	24
C. Wilson	1	14	0	14
Nash	1	6	0	6

Punting	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Hogue	5	197	39.4	49

Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long
Hall	3	3	47

All Returns	Punts No.Yds.LP	Kickoffs No.YdsLP	Int. No.Yds.LP
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Fulmer File...

1997 South Carolina Game

Ask Vol fans, and they will tell you without hesitation that dipsy-doodle plays are great fun. As coaches we agree with fans but with one important qualification: they are fun provided they work.

Saturday against South Carolina, we used an unexpected play that not only worked, but, as I look back, was perhaps the most important factor in our 22-7 victory.

We were struggling a bit during the early part of the first quarter, in need of a spark to get us untracked. So here we went. Peyton Manning lateraled to Jeremaine Copeland who fired a pass down field to Peerless Price. Using his old quarterback skills, Jeremaine hit Peerless perfectly. The pass covered 43 yards and put us in position for Jamal Lewis to score our first touchdown five plays later.

The win over the Gamecocks was especially satisfying, because it was our sixth of the season. We did in primarily with a stingy defense against an improved South Carolina anchored by a fine quarterback, Anthony Wright. It is upsetting when anybody gets hurt.

I just hope that Anthony comes back from his knee injury without serious damage. He had a lot to do with South Carolina's success in recent games. But let me say something about Victor Penn, Anthony's replacement. The freshman showed plenty of courage and did a good job running the Carolina offense after Wright went out.

I thought our defense rose to the challenge by holding the Gamecocks to two yards on the ground in the first half and only 19 passing. After intermission, they had 38 running and 109 in the air. The worst part was that they scored in the last minute of the game. Our defense was excited about the prospect of a shutout up until the time Penn connected with Jermale Kelly for a touchdown with 36 seconds left. The defense will long remember this game because it had eight sacks. That is a great achievement, matched only twice in UT football history.

Our offense in the first half was a bit shaky, but the penalty situation hurt us - 41 yards is too much to give up that way. Even though we were limited to a touchdown and a field goal in the first half, Jamal Lewis continued to give us a punch with his relentless running style. Jamal's 65 yard contribution in the first half, coupled with his 65-yard touchdown gallop at the start of the fourth period, made for a good day for the talented freshman running back. He ended the afternoon with 205 yards on the ground, which is remarkable when you consider our offense had a tough time moving the ball most of the day.

The week off following the Alabama game was highly beneficial, especially the defense. Those guys were ready to go from the start. I thought the offense had made good progress, too, but penalties, dropped balls - and especially South Carolina - caused us all kinds of trouble.

At halftime, our message to the squad was focused on taking charge of the game and avoiding anything wacky that would give South Carolina momentum and a chance to get back in contention. Until Lewis' 65-yard touchdown run starting the fourth quarter, we did not have room to breathe. I felt much better from that point on, but never found an opportunity to relax against a South Carolina team that battled us hard all the way.

Our game Nov. 8 against Southern Mississippi is homecoming on The Hill. We looked forward to having the old grads with us along with the rest of the great Vol fans.

— *Phillip Fulmer*

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— Phillip Fulmer

1997-98 TENNESSEE BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Nov. 4	Calif. All-Stars (Exh.)	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 9	Marathon (Exh.)	KNOXVILLE	6:00 P.M.
Nov. 14	Winthrop	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 17	Miami (Ohio)	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 19	UNC Asheville	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 23	Austin Peay	KNOXVILLE	2:00 P.M.
Nov. 28	Appalachian State	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Dec. 2	Tennessee Tech	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Dec. 7	Wofford	KNOXVILLE	2:00 P.M.
Dec. 9	St. Joseph's	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Dec. 20	Memphis	Memphis	8:00 P.M.
Dec. 30	USC	Los Angeles	10:00 P.M.
Jan. 3	Florida	Gainesville	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 7	Auburn	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Jan. 10	Vanderbilt	Nashville	8:30 P.M.
Jan. 17	Ole Miss (Fox SS)	KNOXVILLE	6:00 P.M.
Jan. 21	South Carolina (JP)	Columbia	8:00 P.M.
Jan. 24	Kentucky	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Jan. 28	Alabama	Tuscaloosa	8:00 P.M.
Jan. 31	LSU	Baton Rouge	8:00 P.M.
Feb. 4	Georgia	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 7	South Carolina (JP)	KNOXVILLE	2:00 P.M.
Feb. 11	Kentucky (JP)	Lexington	8:00 P.M.
Feb. 14	Arkansas (JP)	KNOXVILLE	12:30 P.M.
Feb. 17	Miss. St. (ESPN)	Starkville	9:30 P.M.
Feb. 21	Vanderbilt	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 25	Florida	KNOXVILLE	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 28	Georgia (JP)	Athens	6:00 P.M.
Mar. 5-8	SEC Tournament	Atlanta	TBA
Mar. 12-15	NCAA First Round	Regional Sites	TBA
Mar. 19-22	NCAA Second Round	Regional Sites	TBA
Mar. 28&30	NCAA FINAL FOUR	The Alamo Dome San Antonio, TX	TBA

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Nov. 9	U.S. Armed Forces (Exh.)	KNOXVILLE	6:00 P.M.
Nov. 18	Mississippi	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 21	Louisiana Tech	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 23	Tennessee-Martin	Martin	3:00 P.M.
Nov. 25	Vermont	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 29	Stanford	San Jose, Calif.	3:30 P.M.
Nov. 30	Portland	Portland, Ore.	8:00 P.M.
Dec. 3	Texas	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 6-7	Big Apple Classic (Tennessee vs. George Mason, Manhattan vs. Morgan State)	Riverdale, N.Y.	1 & 3 P.M.
Dec. 12	SEC/BIG10 Challenge (Florida vs. Purdue, Tennessee vs. Illinois)	KNOXVILLE	7 & 9 P.M.
Dec. 18-20	Northern Lights Invitational-Anchorage, AK (Tennessee vs. Akron, Pepperdine vs. Mississippi, Wisconsin vs. Manhattan,Texas A&M vs. Alaska)		TBA.
Jan. 1	Arkansas	KNOXVILLE	2:00 P.M.
Jan. 3	Connecticut	KNOXVILLE	4:00 P.M.
Jan. 6	South Carolina	Columbia	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 10	Florida	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 14	Georgia	Athens	7:30 P.M.
Jan. 18	Kentucky	Lexington	2:00 P.M.
Jan. 20	DePaul	Chicago	8:00 P.M.
Jan. 5	Vanderbilt	KNOXVILLE	3:00 P.M.
Jan. 28	Georgia	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 1	Alabama	KNOXVILLE	3:00 P.M.
Feb. 4	Mississippi	Oxford	8:00 P.M.
Feb. 7	Old Dominion	KNOXVILLE	6:00 P.M.
Feb. 9	Mississippi State	Starkville	8:00 P.M.
Feb. 12	Memphis	Memphis	8:00 P.M.
Feb. 14	Auburn	KNOXVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 16	Vanderbilt	Nashville	6:00 P.M.
Feb. 22	Louisiana State	KNOXVILLE	2:00 P.M.
Feb./Mar. 26-1	SEC Tournament	Columbus, Ga.	TBA
Mar. 13-16	NCAA First & Second Rounds	Campus Sites	TBA
Mar. 21&23	NCAA Regionals (East-Dayton, Midwest-Vanderbilt Midwest-Texas Tech,West-Oakland, Cal)	Campus Sites	TBA
Mar. 27&29	NCAA Final Four (Kemper Arena)	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols...

Hall of Famer Bowden Wyatt

Nobody knew much about him when he showed up for football practice in September of 1935. He had played high school ball in his home town of Kingston, but Tennessee hadn't recruited him and neither had anybody else. Bowden Wyatt was not exactly a household name then.

Now it is one of the most honored names in all of college football history. On the evening of December 9 at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Bowden Wyatt will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame for a second time, thus becoming only the third player ever to enter the shrine as both player and coach. Only the immortal Amos Alonzo Stagg and another ex-Tennessee star, Bobby Dodd, have previously scored that rare double.

To this writer, Wyatt has always been a rather heroic figure. As a player he was the personification of the All-American boy of those unsophisticated and innocent times. He was tall and handsome, a team man, a born leader, a straight arrow if there ever was one. It didn't take him long after he walked onto the practice field to become a first string end on the freshman team. He made the starting varsity lineup early in his sophomore season of 1936, and by the time he was a senior he was an All-American.

It is somehow typical of him that he won his playing laurels in blue-collar style. Blocking and defense were his main strengths, although he was a good enough pass receiver in an offense that largely hugged the ground. And he was also one of the best placekickers UT ever had before the age of specialists. He handled them all — kickoffs, extra points and field goals.

But Bowden's chief contribution as a player was that of leader. As a captain of the 1938 team he led the Vols to a historic 11-0-0 season that included a 17-0 win over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, the only time any Tennessee team has ever gone through both the regular season and the postseason unbeaten and untied. Some captaincies are titular only: Wyatt's was not. He was a combination mother hen and top sergeant.

"Bowden wouldn't let anything upset team morale," his opposite end, the late George Hunter, once told me. "If a player was causing trouble, Bowden would call him off to the side and straighten him up. And when he talked, we all listened."

It was this rare leadership ability that prompted his coach, Bob Neyland, to help launch Wyatt into the coaching profession. No sooner had he hung up his cleats than Neyland had gotten him a job on the staff at Mississippi State, coached by another Neyland protege, Allyn McKeen.

There, too, his talent was obvious. After a few years on the Bulldog staff, sandwiched around Navy duty in World War II, Wyatt received and accepted an offer to become head coach at Wyoming in 1948, without Neyland's blessings.

"Why don't you just go to China?," asked the General.

But Bowden quickly built the Cowboys into the Skyline Conference champions. And he repeated the process in the early fifties at Arkansas. Taking over a rundown team that had gone 2-8 in 1952, he had the Razorbacks up to 8-3 in '54 when they won the Southwest Conference title and went to the Cotton Bowl. And when Harvey Robinson was fired in December of that year, Wyatt was Neyland's (and everyone else's) choice to take over at Tennessee.

I have often said that Bowden was the greatest natural leader of any coach that I have ever been around. And a far greater judge of those things than me, Bob Neyland, once said the very same thing in a different way.

"I have never seen the day that I could get a team ready to play the way Bowden can," said the general.

I don't know if college football has ever had a better coach than Wyatt was in his first three seasons at Tennessee. He turned a 4-6 team into a 6-3-1 team in 1955 without any infusion of new talent. In '56, his golden year, he led the Vols to a 10-0-0 regular season record, the last perfect record you'll find in the UT brochure. And his '57 team went 8-3, including a classic 3-0 victory over Bear Bryant's Texas Aggies in the Gator Bowl. His '56 SEC title gave him championships in three major conferences, the only coach ever to pull that trick.

His masterpiece, of course, was that unforgettable 6-0 victory over Georgia Tech at Atlanta in '56 in a game that matched Neyland's two greatest pupils, Wyatt and Dodd. It was the ultimate demonstration of the old field position, don't beat yourself kind of football, that we will probably never see again. High up in the press box at Grant Field, I was absolutely awed by its near perfection.

I remember discussing the game with Bowden a few days later, and suggesting that Dodd probably should have gone for it on fourth and three inside the Vol 35 early in the game. It turned out to be Tech's only good scoring chance all day.

"Why, heck," snorted Bowden. "He wouldn't have made it!"

Bowden wound up his Vol coaching career after the 1962 season with a 49-29-4 record. He died in 1969, the victim of a sudden, overwhelming virus. We lost him far too soon.

Former Vol

Phil Pierce (1969-71)

Phil Pierce came to Tennessee from Athens and had his moments under center for the Vols, none bigger than his role in the 1971 Florida game at Florida Field in Gainesville.

It was Pierce, who had come to the Vols in the 1967-68 recruiting class, who led the Vols from the shadow of their goal, inside the one-yard line, in fact, to the game-winning score 99 yards later as the Vols won by a 20-13 count.

Phil accounted for 75 of the 99 yards gained on the drive with deft running and accurate passing. He tossed a 20-yarder to Stan Trott for the game-winner that September evening. In his senior season, he completed 11 of 31 passes for 126 yards and the score mentioned earlier. He rushed 27 times for 105 yards and a touchdown. He was there when the Vols needed him.

Pierce now works for Averitt Express in Cookeville.

Phil Pierce made his mark on Tennessee football, leading the game-winning drive in the 1971 Florida game.

Manning Named Hall of Fame Scholar

Vol quarterback Peyton Manning was named to the College Football Hall of Fame's 1997 Scholar-Athlete Team. Manning graduated last May with a 3.61 GPA in Speech Communication. The College Football Hall of Fame chooses its' student-athletes based on their academic and community performance. Each recipient of the College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award will receive an $18,000 grant for post-graduate study. Manning becomes only the fifth Tennessee player ever to receive the award. The last Vol recipient was defensive back Mike Mauck in 1976. Manning is now eligible for the Vincent dePaul Draddy Trophy along with a scholarship worth $25,000, if he is selected as the top scholar-athlete among this year's class.

Manning's other academic accomplishments include: 1997 Cum Laude Honors in Speech Communication; Burger King Scholar-Athlete; All-SEC Academic Team (1995, 96); CFA "Good Works" Team and the Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Campus Leadership and Service. On the field, Manning is just as highly decorated with one NCAA Record, three SEC Records, and 28 Tennessee Records. Manning has been in the top 10 of Heisman balloting in each of the past two seasons.

Nash a Semifinalist

It was announced this past week that senior wide receiver Marcus Nash is now among ten receivers vying for the Biletnikoff Award. Nash has caught 42 passes for 586 yards through six games with five TDs. He has managed at least five receptions in each contest, with three 100-yard and 90-yard receiving days. He leads the SEC averaging 7.0 catches per game and 97.7 yards per game. His 42 receptions are already 10th most in a season at UT. Nash is currently second in career receptions with 143, and fifth in yards with 1863. He needs 62 yards to pass Larry Seivers for third all-time at UT. The list will be pared down to three finalists in late November with the winner of the award to be announced in December during a live broadcast from Orlando, Fla., on the ESPN College Football Awards Show.

Fall Sports Teams in Action

The men's tennis team will end its Fall campaign as they participate in the Rolex Region 3 Qualifying round in Athens, Ga. The men have seen some success early this Fall as the doubles team of Chad Copenhaver and Mark Way captured the flight one doubles championship at the Southern Collegiate Championships in Athens on the weekend of Oct. 10-12. Not to be outdone, Kaspar Rasmussen captured the flight four singles championship during at the same tournament. The tennis team will return to action in 1998 beginning with the Milwaukee Tennis Classic Jan. 6-10.

After competing against Kentucky in a dual meet in Knoxville and taking part in the U.S. Diving World Championship Trials, the aqua Vols will hit the pool twice in November as they took on Miami (Fla.) and Texas A&M on Nov. 7 and then face the Texas Longhorns on Nov. 22. Both meets will be held at the UT Aquatic Center on the Tennessee campus.

The men's golf team finished up its Fall campaign as they will compete at The Nelson Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., on Nov. 7-9. They will resume action at the Rice University International Intercollegiate in Monterey, Mexico Feb. 5-7.

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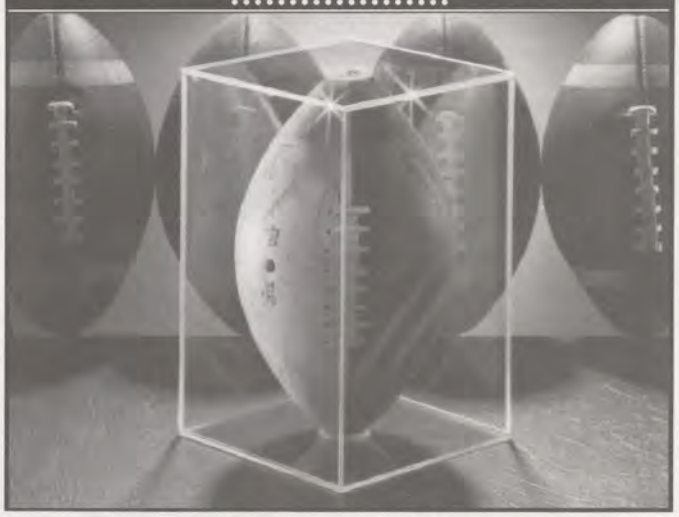

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This Week In Big Orange Country

As Others See Us

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here's a look at the impact Vol players have out of uniform, off the field, taken from one of their forays into the community the Monday after the Florida game.)

An example is the text of a letter from D'Ann Averwater of Cordova, Tenn., testifying to the impact the Vol players had on her late grandmother. The letter appeared in the Oct. 14 Knoxville News-Sentinel.

"A couple of weeks ago, players from the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team made time in their busy schedules to visit patients in local hospitals.

"Two of the players, Spencer Riley and Diron Robinson, found their way to my grandmother's room at St. Mary's Medical Center.

"A lifelong fan of the Volunteers, that visit meant more to her than I can tell you.

"When she was younger, she could often be found among the fans in Neyland Stadium. As walking became more difficult for her, she was content to watch her team on television.

"Even as her eyesight grew worse and she was forced to settle for listening to the game, she rarely missed a play. Friends and family knew not to call or come by during a game.

"And woe be to the unsuspecting stranger who said anything negative about the Vols in her presence. She would set them straight in a hurry.

"Diron and Spencer left her that day with an autographed schedule, a kiss on the cheek and a sparkle in her eye.

"It was only days after this visit that my grandmother left this earthly life.

"A very sincere thank you to a team that supports the community that supports them them and to Coach Phillip Fulmer, who must encourage this, for bringing such happiness to Virginia Donahoe.

"And don't worry, Vols. You haven't lost a fan. You've gained a guardian angel."

That's another look at the impact of the Vols off the field and out of uniform.

Vol football squad members Spencer Riley (top) and Diron Robinson (bottom) are just a two of the many players making as big an impact off the field as they do on it, as they visit local hospi-

A Look at Lady Vol Tennis

The 1997-98 Lady Volunteer tennis team enters the season with new leadership, lots of old faces and a fresh group of rookies. With rackets in hand, this team becomes the first-ever Lady Vol squad to be led into the battle by co-head coaches. Veteran Mike Patrick, with 10 years of experience, and his partner in life and on the court, wife Sonia Hahn-Patrick, have plans to lead this team through the trenches to an SEC and NCAA championship.

The strength on the front line is characterized by two returning All-Americans, a 1996 All-SEC first-team selection, an ITA number-four ranked doubles team, a No. 12 singles player and three impressive rookies.

As strong as this team is on the court, it is equally as astute in the classroom. Three Academic All-SEC selections highlight a very heady line-up.Seniors Manisha Malhotra, Margie Lepsi, and Erin Lowrey, who have seen play at the one, two, and three spots, will set the tone for the team's style of play.

Lepsi, from Willow Springs, Ill., was ranked 34th on the fall Rolex ranking list. Her singles play and her time coupled with Malhotra at number one doubles should add key wins in both the fall and spring seasons.

San Diego, Calif., native Lowrey will also have a significant place on the court.

The improvements made throughout the summer of training and three years of collegiate experience will aid in her leadership.

Malhotra, ranked twelfth on the singles circuit is expected to continue her climb to the top of the net after posting a 32 singles record and earning All-America honors last season.

The team also features a couple of strong players in the junior class. Emily Woodside ended the 1996-97 season with a 30-12 mark, and the Clinton, S.C., native will be counted on to continue her solid play at the No. 4 or No. 5 spots. The other junior, native Knoxvillian, Whitney Dill began her UT career in the spring of 1997 after transferring from Alabama, and ended the season with a 19-12 record, mostly at No.3 singles.

Erin Lowery of the Lady Vols is among a solid group of veterans returning from last season as they aim for an SEC title and a shot at the NCAAs.

The sophomore class also contributes two players to the roster. Kelli Heaton, an All-American at Aiken, S.C., High School, posted a 6-3 record in her first season. Completing the representation of the sophomore class is Surrey, England, native Candy Reid. A five-sport athlete at Epson and Ewell High School, Reid began her collegiate career with a 10-9 season.

The freshman class is numbered like that of the senior class, carrying three athletes. Rookies Catherine Hall, Megan Russell and Elizabeth "Vinny" Seiverling had amazing prep careers, totaling only three losses between them. Hall, a graduate of Watauga High School in Boone, N.C., will add depth to both the singles and doubles position. A native of Wichita, Kan., Russell posted a 96-1 record throughout her prep career. Having graduated from high school in three years, Seiverling was a two-time state singles champion. As a sophomore, she became the youngest player in Pennsylvania high school history to win a state title.

The 1997-98 Lady Volunteer tennis team is putting together the final pieces of a winning puzzle. With the combination of co-head coaches, a one-year old indoor facility, seven experienced returnees, three new competitors and one of the largest rosters in the past several years, Tennessee appears ready to frame the finished products of SEC and NCAA championships.

— Janya Marshall

Ticket Winners

David West, a member of the 1975 track and field squad, won tickets to the Georgia game following his visit to the T-Club Room the day of the Ole Miss game. The following week Larry Fields, a member of the 1966-68 Tennessee baseball team, won two tickets to the Tennessee/Georgia game after he too stopped by the T-Club Room.

If you are a member of the Lettermen's Club and you are not stopping by, you are missing a lot. But, there is a chance for redemption. Each home football game, the T-Club Room is open three hours before kickoff, and you could be the next lucky winner of a pair of tickets to the Vols' next home game.

Lettermen's Day

The final home game of the 1997 Vol football season will also be Lettermen's Day at the University of Tennessee. There will be a buffet at Thompson-Boling Arena two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff.

On Friday, Nov. 28, members of the 1967 SEC Champion football team will have a dinner at the UT Conference Center on Henley Street. Those members wanting to attend the dinner need to call Dick Williams at (800) 752-8328 for more details.

Basketball team members from the 1967 SEC Championship team, as well as all lettermen are encouraged to attend the home basketball match between Tennessee and Appalachian State at Thompson-Boling Arena. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling (423) 656-1200.

On Saturday, members of those 1967 SEC Championship football, basketball and track and field teams will be honored at halftime of the Tennessee/Vanderbilt game. Tickets are limited and those interested should call Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054.

Make plans to attend this special event to honor all of our lettermen, which have made Tennessee a special place to be.

Bob Johnson Honored

This past weekend, Bob Johnson, former Vol who played on the 1965-67 football squads and captained the 1967 SEC Championship team, was honored at the Tennessee vs. South Carolina game. He was honored as one member of the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Time All-America Team. This is one of the highest honors a person can receive for their work as a collegiate student-athlete. To read more about Bob please turn to p. 3, as our Haywood Harris shares his thoughts on Johnson.

Lettermen's Spring Weekend

The Lettermen's Spring Weekend has now been set. Each year the event draws more and more former Vols and friends of the University to this wonderful weekend of festivities.

This spring's event will take place on April 17-18, 1998. As in the past, the golf tournament will be held on Friday. There will be a noon luncheon followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun tee-off at Green Meadow Country Club in Maryville. If you have not been there, you have missed out on a nice play to play a round of golf. The greens were in excellent shape last year, and barring some poor weather from this winter, they should be in excellent shape next Spring.

Saturday will begin with the annual Orange & White Game. Other events or activities may be added to that weekend, but no finalized plans have been set regarding such activities.

However, there will be an opportunity for those who like baseball to see the Vols in action as Tennessee will host a weekend series with Arkansas in Knoxville from Friday through Sunday at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Game times are tentatively set for 7 p.m on Friday, 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday's game will have the first pitch at 1 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

Jack Reynolds on Pro Football Hall of Fame Ballot

Former Vol linebacker Jack Reynolds is on the 1997 ballot for the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Reynolds, the subject of a recent "Last Word" in this magazine, played at Tennessee from 1967-69 and was All-SEC and All-America in his senior season. He played professionally for the Rams and 49ers and played in three Super Bowl games.

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VASF NEWS AND NOTES

VASF Announces the Advent of the New Point System

Over the history of the University of Tennessee Athletic Department, Tennessee fans and friends have been generous in supporting the Vols' scholarships and facility improvements program through donations and other gifts.

Since the fall of 1994, the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund has been working to develop a point system with the intention of providing better recognition for long-time athletics donors. The 1995, 1996, and 1997 donor brochures discussed the system and its advantages for athletic donors to Tennessee's programs. On October 17, 1997, the point system was test-run on the entire 9,763-member donor base. The point system program ranked everyone by his or her accumulated points.

The new VASF point system takes effect January 1, 1998. Like all things new, the arrival of the point system sheets will, no doubt, bring many questions. This special section in Volunteers Magazine addresses a few questions .

To help each individual understand the new point system, the VASF is currently mailing each donor a point system packet. Each packet contains a two-page letter, a current point standings sheet, and a point system Question and Answers list (on orange paper). If you are a VASF donor and do not receive your packet (it has "Important - Point System Information Enclosed" stamped across the envelope) by November 11, please call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VASF OR THE NEW PRIORITY POINT SYSTEM, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT AT (423) 974-1218

Please take a moment to review the point standings sheet. Consult the orange sheet (the point system Question and Answers list) for basic guidelines. If a person chooses to appeal their point total, the appeal must be submitted in writing to the VASF office by the deadline of Nov. 30. The donor must substantiate the appeal. Forms of substantiation include canceled checks or athletics receipts. Other forms will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Donors with questions regarding appeals should please contact the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218. Once the appeal has been considered, the VASF staff will follow up with the donor. Please remember that all point total appeals must be received in writing in the VASF office by November 30, 1997.

Historically the VASF has only considered total cumulative giving and annual membership level when determining how to allocate benefits. Many donors have suggested that "sticking with the program in the hard times" should also be rewarded. The VASF agrees.

In addition to the information provided to all donors in each packet, here are a few misconceptions to be dispelled, as well as the facts about the new VASF point system. Also included are a points standings sheet and an explanation of each component.

QUESTION — Isn't it true the new point system gives the same number of points for new and old VASF donations?

ANSWER — Yes. The VASF point system measures two factors. 1. Points will be awarded based upon the number of consecutive years of giving to the VASF (regardless of giving level). 2. Points will be awarded for total contributions since the VASF was founded in 1986. Current donors to the VASF who made donations prior to the VASF's founding in 1986 will also receive for their membership a one-time addition of 50 points (equal to a $5000 donation).

QUESTION — Will the new point system affect my current season ticket assignment, especially on the ones I've had since before the VASF began?

ANSWER — No. This is not the goal of the point system. Current Athletic Department policy enables a donor to receive the same seat assignment provided that the donor continues to make his/her annual contribution and meets all associated deadlines. In Neyland Stadium and Thompson-Boling Arena, the point system will only be used to prioritize new orders and request for seat changes. Season football tickets held before the VASF was founded, known as "grandfathered" tickets, cannot be improved; therefore, the new VASF point system will not impact those tickets. Other items for which point standings and rank will be considered will be those events where donor demand far exceeds the limited supply of tickets Tennessee receives. Some examples include away football games, SEC tournaments and championship games, post-season tournaments and bowl games, and parking passes for home events.

QUESTION — What about me, a letterman? Will I get credit for all the hard work and service that I gave to the University as a student-athlete?

ANSWER — Yes. The one-time addition of 50 points to a letterwinner's membership will be awarded provided the following two conditions are met. 1. The UT Volunteer letter winner must be in the team or T-Club roster records. 2. The UT Volunteer letter winner, either in men's or women's sports, must be a current Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund donor and T-Club member in good standing on both membership rolls.

QUESTION — "Do my contributions to the University Alumni Associations count towards my VASF point totals?"

ANSWER — No. The VASF point system counts donations and gifts made directly in support of athletics at the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus only. University and Alumni Association donors are recognized through the benefit priority of those organizations.

Next, please take a look at the sample points standing sheet in the lower right corner of this page. This is an actual replica of the sheet all donors received in their packets. Here is a description of each entry for which donor points are awarded.

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—Compiled by Steve Sams through the VASF Office

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Total Capital/ Endowment Dollars	$4,100.00	1 point per $100	41
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Total Deferred Dollars	$10,000.00	1 point per $100	100
Insurance Donors			20
U. T. Letterwinner			50
Donor Prior to 1986			50
Other Points			0
TOTAL POINTS			328

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Volunteer Profile...

THE McKENZIE FOUNDATION...

For the past seven years two former Tennessee Volunteer football players have returned to their home town to help out their community. No matter how far they have to travel, Reggie and Raleigh McKenzie make the flight back to Knoxville each June.

Reggie lettered for the Vol defense from 1981-84, while twin brother Raleigh lettered for the Vol offensive squad from 1982-84. Both were drafted by the NFL and although one career has ended and another continues to play, both are making their contributions to the professional football business.

Reggie was drafted by the Oakland Raiders where he spent four years with the Raiders (1985-88), two years with the Arizona Cardinals, the Montreal Machine (1991) of the World League of American Football (WLAF) and the San Francisco 49ers in 1992, where a knee injury cut short his playing career. He went back to the University of Tennessee, but this time to work on a graduate degree while working as an assistant coach for the Volunteers. After a two year stint with the Vols, Reggie received an invitation to join the Green Bay Packers as a professional scout. Reggie recently received a promotion to become Director of Pro Personnel with the Packers. He helped play a part in the Packers returning to the the Super Bowl and claiming the trophy named after the famed former Green Bay legend, Vince Lombardi. Reggie proudly displays the world championship ring that the Packers earned in Super Bowl XXXI.

Former Vol Joey Clinkscales gives instructions to some of the campers during the first day of the camp. Clinkscales is a professional scout with the New York Jets of the NFL.

As for Raleigh, he still has one up on his brother. He was drafted by the Washington Redskins, where he played center for Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Theismann and Super Bowl XXIV MVP Doug Williams who lead led the Redskins to world titles. Raleigh spent last season with the Philadelphia Eagles and has since signed to play with the San Diego Chargers. Raleigh is the starting center for the Chargers this season.

The two have a combined three world championship rings and 18 years of professional experience. They have been using everything they have learned, with the help of other current and former NFL players, to provide the youth of Knoxville and the surrounding counties, the basic groundwork for a foundation the youngsters can use to play football.

The Seventh Annual Reggie and Raleigh McKenzie Football Camp had help from almost a dozen pro players, past and present. Former Vols Anthony Hancock (Kansas City and Buffalo), Joey Clinkscales (Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay), Harry Galbreath (Miami and Green Bay), Bruce Wilkerson (Oakland, Jacksonville and Green Bay), Aaron Hayden (Green Bay Packers), Lavoisier Fisher (former Vol and now current Sports Agent) and Stephen "Bubba" Miller (Philadelphia) all played a part in this year's camp assisting the youngsters in the tricks of the trade.

They were joined by the likes of other NFL players Ed Simmons (Washington Redskins), Reggie Branch (Washington Redskins), and Ralph Caldwell (San Diego Chargers).

There have been other famous faces who have made appearances like Reggie White (Green Bay Packers), Heath Shuler (New Orleans Saints) and Tim Irwin (Minnesota Vikings) who is now a sports agent with Athlon.

"The city became involved from a long-standing relationship with director parks and recreation Sam Anderson and the McKenzie's wanting to put back into their community," said Norman Bragg, Athletics Coordinator for the Knoxville City Parks and Recreation Department. "They also wanted to honor their mother in a way that was positive and showed support for the community."

These individuals came on their own time to teach the youngsters, boys and girls alike, the simple skills necessary to be successful in football. Three days might not seem like a lot but the kids get so much out of it, more than just football. The players also spend time talking to the kids about the importance of education, staying in school, taking care of their neighborhood and staying drug free. And for some kids, the lunch meal they receive while at camp each day might be the only meal they will receive. Many of the kids come from poor families and the camp has provided another opportunity to reach out to those in need.

"It gives all of the guys a chance to have some fellowship and fun with the kids and one another," said Reggie when discussing the reasons why the players get involved in the camp.

Former Vol Aaron Hayden stopped by to lend a hand during the camp. Here he is playing the role of quarterback as Keenan Broussard sets to take the handoff during a drill. Hayden is now with the Green Bay Packers after spending the last two seasons in San Diego. Photo by Donnell Field.

The McKenzie Foundation uses the assistance from area businesses to help sponsor kids who can not afford to come to camp. Some businesses will pay for a specific child or they will give a lump sum to be used to cover the cost of many children, and that may even include cutting cost on meals being prepared for the kids.

"Hopefully we can touch someone's life in a good way. Maybe steer them in the right direction. We try to give them a chance to believe in themselves," Reggie stated.

The McKenzie Foundation is so much more than a three day camp for kids as it is also a way to provide needy kids a chance to further their education at the college level.

This year, three recipients were awarded a total of $4000 in scholarships to pursue their college education. This year's winners of the Janie D. McKenzie Scholarship (named after Reggie and Raleigh's mother) were: Samiyyah A. Bailey, Barbara M. Maultsby and Anthony G. Sleger. Samiyyah won a $2000 scholarship and will be attending the University of Virginia. Barbara won a $1000 as did Anthony and both are still deciding on the choice of college.

The McKenzie Foundation has been offering this program to students from Reggie and Raleigh's high school ama mater, Austin East High School, and have been doing so for the last five years. This past May, Antwain Taylor (1992)- the very first recipient, earned his degree in engineering from Georgia Tech, and all of those that have earned scholarships are still attending college.

"This program has afforded students the opportunity to further pursue their education," commented Sam Anderson, McKenzie Foundation Board Member and Director for Parks and Recreation of Knoxville. "Without the help from the McKenzie's, these students might not be able to fulfill their dreams. The McKenzie family are fine ambassadors for the city of Knoxville for what the do for their community."

Past recipients were: Taylor (1992); Crystal Blake (1993)- University of Tennessee; Tara Hogins (1994)- University of Tennessee; Nikkiah Wyatt (1995)- University of Tennessee, Michael Womble (1995)-Tennessee State; Tanisha Lamb (1995)- University of Minnesota; Lolly Bowen (1995)-Howard University; Steve Simpson (1996)-Tennessee State; Daymond McDuffy (1996)- Morehouse College; and Dawn Cody (1996)-University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Another way of helping their community has come by way of donating a percentage of the Foundation's fund raising to cancer research in their mother's name. The donations vary each year depending on the amount of money raised for the foundation.

The McKenzie brothers also spend their time assisting other professional players holding camps and donating their time to other charitable events.

The hope of the McKenzie Foundation is to obtain corporate sponsorship to help in aiding the Foundation to provide full four-year scholarships to the kids, and to aid the kids attending the camp. As it stands now the McKenzie's provide the players with a place to stay while in Knoxville (which the Radisson Hotel has been helping out for the last three years), transportation for the players back and forth from the hotel (usually done by the McKenzie's father), lunch and T-Shirts for the kids and staff at camp. All of this cost money and without help from sponsorship or gifts-in-kind [(gift certificates for food or drinks - Arby's, McDonald's and Knoxville Coca- Cola); (advertising-Knoxville News Sentinel)] it comes out of the McKenzie's and the players' pockets. Another way they are helping raise funds is through a silent auction. They raised almost $2500 from this year's first auction, and they are looking forward to next year and the possibilities.

The auction includes autographed jerseys, footballs, helmets (mini and actual game helmets), photographs, and other sports memorabilia. These monies from this auction can help support the Foundation and offset the cost of the camp.

The McKenzie's are genuine and truthful in their efforts to give back to their community. What motivates kids to go out for four to eight hours a day to learn a little bit about football. For some it just simply means a chance to spend time with a hometown hero, and for others it might mean a chance to learn a little bit about the sacrifices that were made by those players who made it to the NFL. "Kids are always wanting to know if we are going to do the camp next year. Everybody that supports this program really enjoys it. So do we. And, it gives us a chance to do something for everybody," commented Reggie.

It was said that "a hero is not measured by their strength but by the strength of their heart," and the McKenzies definitely have a big heart.

— Donnell Field

Reggie and Raleigh McKenzie have found a way to contribute to their community, as graduates from their alma mater, Austin East High School, receive scholarships to help them with their college education. This is not just a project for the twins, but the whole family gets involved. Standing with the winners of this year's scholarships are from right to left: Raleigh McKenzie, Representing Samiyyah A. Bailey her grandmother, Barbara M. Maultsby, Anthony G. Sleger, Reggie and Samuel McKenzie (younger brother). Photo by Donnell Field.

Lady Vols Travel Back to White House

President Bill Clinton is getting used to seeing Coach Pat Summitt and her Lady Vol basketball team visit the White House, who will be visiting for the second straight year after winning back-to-back NCAA titles.

Nikki McCray Changes Leagues

After winning the league's MVP trophy, former Lady Vol basketball player Nikki McCray has decided to switch from the ABL's Columbus Quest to the Women's National Basketball Association. In the WNBA, she will play for a yet to be determined expansion team. McCray earned tournament MVP honors after leading the Quest to the inaugural ABL Championship. She was also a member of the 1996 Olympic gold medal-winning USA team.

Golf Takes Second, Lindbergh Takes Sixth

Junior Jessica Lindberg's two-under final round propelled her to a sixth-place finish at the Lady Paladin Invitational. The Lady Vols came in three stokes behind tournament winner and host Furman. Four of the five Tennessee competitors placed in the top 30, including senior Erin Kurczewski who tied for 18th, and freshman Anna Umemura who along with senior Skyli Yamada tied for 21st.

Soccer Challenges For SEC Postseason Berth

The Lady Volunteer soccer team upped its record to 9-6 overall and 2-4 in the SEC by winning three of its last four games. UT won two non-conference matches, defeating Middle Tennessee State, 7-0, and Radford, 1-0. The Lady Vols went 1-1 in the conference during that span, stopping South Carolina, 1-0, while falling to No. 9-ranked Florida, 4-0. UT drew 1,165 fans at the Florida contest, and is among the nation's leaders in home attendance. The Lady Vols have two conference games remaining and will need at least a split to qualify for the SEC Tournament for the second year in a row.

Cross Country Places Fourth at Pre-NCAA Meet

Sophomore Kristen Ritter led the Lady Vols to a fourth-place finish at the Pre-NCAA meet at Furman on Oct. 11. The entire UT contingent each placed in the top 40. Ritter crossed the line in 10th, while sophomore Mindy Watkins was 27th, with senior Dorothy Denko 30th, sophomore Meghan Mantlo 32nd and sophomore Amy Bartosik 37th. Tennessee finished behind Chattanooga, Berry College and Eastern Kentucky in the team standings.

Lowery, Malhotra and Lepsi Qualify For All-America Invitational

Senior Erin Lowrey joined classmates Manisha Malhotra and Margie Lepsi in qualifying for the All-American Invitational to be held in Pacific Palisades, Calif., on Oct. 23-26. Malhotra and Lepsi earlier won the SEC Coaches' Tournament in the Flight A doubles, while Lowrey won the consolation finals of Fight B.

Volleyball Wins Eight of 11, But Loses Three to Injury

The Lady Vol volleyball team opened SEC play by collecting a 4-3 start, but in the process lost three athletes to injury, including two for the season. Tennessee went 4-2 against SEC Western Division teams and was 11-12 overall entering a road trip to Florida and South Carolina. However, Tennessee is without sophomore outside hitter Chris Jestila and junior setter Allison Stricklin who are out for the year with injuries. Junior middle blocker Mary Heinecke will miss three matches, but is expected to return for a Halloween matchup at Georgia.

—Brad Laux

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The Last Word...

"The Fans"

I came to the conclusion the other day that everything we do is for the fans. That is hardly a major revelation, but one we should always keep in mind.

I thought about that as I watched events unfold in Legion Field Oct. 18. I thought equally about all the Bama games over the years and what the series means to so many people.

Over the years, I remember the trips up and down I-59 to and from Legion Field and the varying emotions the trips invoked. There were exhilarating wins and frustrating losses, but we always lived to fight again the next week.

I thought about those trips as Vol fans and players celebrated down on the field at the northeast corner. II thought about that as the usual gaggle of Vol fans waited patiently outside the locker room for their heroes to emerge to, for lack of a better word, a hero's welcome.

Then there were the folks back home, from Hartsville to Hohenwald, from Decaturville to Dickson and points in between and all around. Anybody, in fact, within the sound of John Ward's voice and the broadcasting range of ESPN.

I thought about all that as we worked Sunday afternoon and into the night on last week's newsletter, trying to convey the memories this game and each game, for that matter, engendered. When it went to press early Monday morning, we had done the best job we could have done. It was then in the hands of the printers and the Post Office.

(NOTE: We sent out a survey to many of you recently asking when you received the Alabama issue so we can keep on top of the mailing. Please let us know when. Thanks. Back to the story).

On a related note, we received a letter from Amy French in Bristol, Va., who told us about two gentlemen who attended their 100th consecutive Tennessee game, home and away, bowl trips included, the weekend of the Georgia game on Oct. 11.

Amy's husband Bruce French and his good friend Raymond Martin of Gallatin, both longtime Trailblazers,

Eddie French (left) and Raymond Martin (right) with Vicky Fulmer on Oct. 11, 1997, on the occasion of attending their 100th consecutive game.

had been there with the Vols that long, stretching all the way back to the Duke game of 1989. There was a tailgate celebration and Vicky Fulmer, wife of head coach Phillip Fulmer, was there to help honor the occasion.

That's an amazing streak. Anybody else have one like it? Please let us know.

It has been said that you can't objectively quantify loyalty. That may be true, but there is something to be said on behalf of those who are there through thick and thin, for those who have consistently supported the program over the years.

We may not say it enough, but you're the reason we exist. We appreciate your contributions, your support and your loyalty to the program.

I always enjoy talking with Vol fans about those magic moments of the years watching UT football, whether it's with Col. Tom Elam or Bronson Potter talking about Gene McEver's opening kickoff against Alabama in 1928 or Eddie Kilby, Polly Cardwell or Amy Baker at church talking about what happened the previous day at Neyland Stadium. Those are always magic moments, as are the many moments in between, moments never to be forgotten.

Amy Baker, a Vol fan to the bone,, made her first trip a successful one, enjoying every moment of the Vol victory in Birmingham. She and her friend Amanda were still there when the buses pulled out of Legion Field on the way to the airport after the game. Just like many other fans were.

There were days that Vol fans heading north up I-59 were greeted by the Interstate highway signs that that said "Alabama 59" and on a sheet or poster board below said "Tennessee 0." There were sheets with similar sentiments draped over the bridges across I-59.

This night and all day Sunday, however, belonged to Tennessee, to steal a phrase from Marty Brennaman of the Cincinnati Reds. I-59 was a great boulevard of happiness and that's always a great feeling.

The point of all this is to remember the contributions the fans have made to Vol football over the years, not just after wins over Alabama but game after game, but year after year.

The Orange and White flags flew proudly, in the stands and on Tennessee vehicles heading home. It's been that way since 1891, since 1928, since 1967 and through today.

Tennessee people have every right to be proud, not only for the win over Alabama, but for the program in general. There is, as we said, something positive to be said for loyalty, for perseverance, and for following the fortunes of the Vols though the good moments and the bad. Don't let anybody tell you any differently. Don't let anybody tell you loyalty is not important.

If you were anywhere near Legion Field or a radio or television the night of Oct. 18, 1997, you'll understand what I'm talking about. There's nothing like following the Vols.

— Tom Mattingly

Tennessee football players made life better for patients in several area hospitals the Monday after the Florida game this past September. Vol players are pictured with the St. Mary's staff during their visit.

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